

## Testimony Against H.B. No. 5176 (raised) An Act Concerning Community Residences

My husband and I are against H.B. 5176 because we have friends and family who live in community residences and believe this bill to be an act of discrimination.

Those with mental health challenges and intellectual disabilities have the same rights we do. To require reporting where they live to municipalities is not only an infringement on civil rights but also increases their vulnerability living within communities.

Giving the public access and knowledge about the locations of community residences only increases the barriers that already exist to finding safe residences for people with intellectual disabilities and mental health challenges.

This bill is not in the best interest of our most vulnerable citizens.

Therefore, we vehemently oppose this bill.

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